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SUBJECT: CISCO TWO: AP STORY: SAHLE SABBEH STATEMENT

REF: ADDIS 9463; DAMASCUS 3044

FOLLOWING REPEAT ADDIS ABABA 9463 ACTION SECSTATE

INFO ASMARA KHARTOUM BEIRUT COMNAVTELCOM NAVCOMUNIT ASMARA

NAVCOMSTA NEA MAKRI AUG 6.

QUOTE: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ADDIS ABABA 9463

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SUBJ: CISCO TWO: AP STORY: SAHLE SABBEH STATEMENT

1. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN TEXT OF AP STORY DATELINED
BEIRUT AUGUST 6 WHICH QUOTES PLF'S OSMAN SALEHSSABBEH AS
STATING:

(A) HE IS TRYING TO PERSUADE "ELF FACTION" HOLDING

"CISCO TWO" TO RELEASE THEM SO AS TO AVOID ANTAGONIZING US.

(B) HE WOULD PROPOSE POLICY OF "NO MORE KIDNAPPINGS" IN UPCOMING
ELF/PLF TALKS.

(C) US SHOULD NOT BE INTIMIDATED INTO GREATER ANIMOSITY
AGAINST ERITREAN REBELLION...BECAUSE USG IS CAUTIOUS IN ITS

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DEALINGS WITH EPMG.

2. STORY ALSO ASCRIBES TO "ERITREAN SOURCES" IN BEIRUT
ASSERTION THAT ELF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL FACTION HAS MADE
A SECRET \$5 MILLION RANSOM DEMAND TO KAGNEW STATION FOR
RELEASE OF AMERICANS. FYI CONGEN ASMARA, CISCO PROJECT
MANAGER ROBERT BAKER AND OIC NAVCOMUNIT LZ. CLARK HILL
ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH DEMAND. END FYI/

3. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CABLE FULL TEXT OF STORY TO ALL
CONCERNED POSTS.

4. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT EMBASSYSBEIRUT APPROPRIATELY
QUERY OSXAN FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

5. ASMARA'S COMMENTS INVITED.
HUMMEL UNQUOTE SISCO

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